



**Government of the District of Columbia**  
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**Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs**  
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**UPCOMING APIA COMMUNITY NEWS AND MEETINGS FROM  
THE OFFICE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS (OAPIA)**

Upcoming Events

OAPIA Events

Events	Organization	Contact	Date, Time & Location
<p><b>Case Assistance Clinics</b> - The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) will initiate Case Assistance Clinics. OAPIA will assist the District's Asian and Pacific Islander (API) individuals, families, and small business owners who have trouble navigating DC government services due to language barriers.</p> <p>The clinics will be held each Wednesday at OAPIA, and some Thursday's at locations easily accessible to the API community. Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean and Vietnamese interpretation will be available at all locations.</p>	OAPIA	202-727-3120	<b>Wednesday, March 3</b> <b>1-3pm</b> Location: OAPIA 441 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW Suite 721N
<p><b>The Department of Housing and Community Development</b> will present an education opportunity for the DC tenants and property owners to provide an overview of DC's Rental Housing Conversion and Sale Act of 1980 relating to tenants' rights to purchase their building</p>	DHCD	<p>Vivian Portis, Outreach Specialist (202) 442-7275 or <a href="mailto:Vivian.portis@dc.gov">Vivian.portis@dc.gov</a></p> <p>Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) relay service is available by calling 202-442-7275 five days prior to the hearing date. Residents who require language</p>	<b>Thursday, March 4</b>  Time: 6-8pm  Location: One Judiciary Square 441 4 <sup>th</sup> street, NW Room 1114 South

<p>and first right of refusal, as well as the process property owners must follow to convert a rental property to a condominium or cooperative, including offer of sale notices, notices of transfer and the Housing Assistance Payments for displaced tenants. The session will also include an overview of the Tenant Petition/ Complaint Process as prescribed by the Rental Housing act of 1985, as amended and Title 14, Chapter 42 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.</p>		<p>interpretation should specify the language (i.e. Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese-Mandarin/Cantonese, Amharic, French or other). Professional interpretation services will be provided to pre-registered persons only. Deadline for requiring services of an interpreter is five days prior to the hearing date. Agency staff who are bilingual in English and Spanish will provide assistance on an availability basis to walk-ins without registration.</p>	FREE
<p><b>Encore Careers</b> Know someone tapping their experience to improve the lives of others? Nominate yourself or someone you know for the 2010 Purpose Prize. The Purpose Prize, now in its fourth year, provides five \$100,000 and five \$50,000 awards to social innovators over 60 in encore careers. It is the nation's only large-scale investment in social innovators in the second half of life. Rather than a lifetime achievement award, however, The Purpose Prize is a down payment on what these 60-plus innovators will do next.</p>	Encore Career	<a href="http://www.encore.org/prize">www.encore.org/prize</a>	<p><b>Nominations are open until March 5, 2010</b></p>
<p><b>OCA Northern Virginia Chapter 28th Annual Lunar New Year Banquet</b></p> <p>Let us all celebrate those born in the Year of the Tiger! Come socialize and network with new and old friends, while enjoying a 10-course dinner! Proceeds go toward supporting the 2010 Smithsonian Folklife Festival, The OCA NOVA Scholarship Program, and the OCA National Center Building Fund</p>	OCA Northern Virginia Chapter	<p>For more info contact: <a href="mailto:rsvp@ocanova.org">rsvp@ocanova.org</a></p>	<p><b>Saturday, March 6</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Reception 7:00 pm Dinner 9:30 pm Dessert and Drinks</p> <p>Where: China Garden 1100 Wilson Blvd. (Twin Towers, Mall Level) Roslyn, VA 22209</p> <p>Roslyn Metro (Blue / Orange Lines)</p>
<p><b>AAGEN Dinner Event</b> with Guest Speaker: Tommy Hwang Chief Information Officer Merit Systems Protection Board</p>	<p>Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN)</p> <p><a href="http://www.aagen.org">www.aagen.org</a></p>	<p>RSVP: Andy Manriquez <a href="mailto:andyman51@verizon.net">andyman51@verizon.net</a></p>	<p><b>March 11, 2010</b></p> <p>Time: 6:30 PM To 8:30 PM</p>

Topic: Social Networking for Federal Managers: To Connect or Not To Connect?	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/AAGEN.ORG">www.facebook.com/AAGEN.ORG</a>		Location: China Garden Restaurant 1100 Wilson Blvd Arlington VA (Rosslyn Metro Station)  <b>\$25 for members; \$30 for non-members, \$35 at the event</b>
<b>Saving Our Sisters (S.O.S) From HIV/AIDS</b> Free half-day awareness and skill building summit- with age appropriate awareness and skill building seminars, a town hall meeting, and free HIV testing and counseling for young women and girls ages 13-29	Hosted by Divas, DC Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives, DC Department of Health, DC Commission for Women, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office on Women's Health	To register visit: <a href="http://www.soshealthsummit.com">www.soshealthsummit.com</a>  For more info: call (202) 498-7538 or email <a href="mailto:sos@divasmph.org">sos@divasmph.org</a>	<b>Saturday March 13</b>  Time: 10am-2pm  Location: THEARC 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE Washington, DC 20020
<b>CHAI Women's Wellness Group</b> CHAI Invites South Asian Women to a dynamic and confidential group. Topics include relationships, family, women's roles, career, marriage, anger and conflict resolution, taboos & secrets, and other topics relevant to South Asian women.	Counselors Helping (South) Asians, Inc, (CHAI)  <a href="http://www.chaicounselors.org">www.chaicounselors.org</a>	Phone: 443-615-1355 Fax: Email:raziakosi@chaicounselors.org	Sundays :March, 7th, 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , <b>No Sessions, April 4<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 11<sup>th</sup></b> , Sessions resume April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , May 2 <sup>nd</sup>  Time: 3-4:30pm  Location: Maryland Non Profits – 8720 Georgia Ave. Ste. 303  Silver Spring, MD 20910 Red Line Metro Silver Spring stop  <b>Fee:</b> \$75 for seven sessions Sliding scale available
<b>Meet-up for Conversations Community Event</b> Free monthly community networking event. Asians and non-Asians are welcomed (self-pay for lunch). This is an opportunity to meet business owners, community builders, consultants, bankers, etc.	Allies Building Community, Inc. (ABC) and Archway Network <a href="http://www.archway2.org">www.archway2.org</a>	Diane Tai Phone: 202-338-4339 or 202-625-2244 Email: <a href="mailto:abcallies@gmail.com">abcallies@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:organizer10@gmail.com">organizer10@gmail.com</a>  RSVP: <a href="http://www.meetup.com/networking/">http://www.meetup.com/networking/</a>  <a href="http://www.meetup.com/AsianAmericans/">http://www.meetup.com/AsianAmericans/</a>	On 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of month  <b>Next: March 21</b>  Time: 12:30PM – 3:00PM  Upcoming: April 18,

		<a href="http://www.meetup.com/ChineseAmericans/">http://www.meetup.com/ChineseAmericans/</a>	May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 2010  Location: Burma Restaurant 740 6 <sup>th</sup> St. NW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20001
<b>THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ALOHA</b> A cultural presentation featuring the music & dances of Hawai'i & Samoa  Enjoy pre-show Hawaiian music, local hors d'oeuvres, raffle & silent auction	Halau O 'Aulani <a href="http://www.halauoaulani.org">www.halauoaulani.org</a>	Shirley Queja 301-919-7905 <a href="mailto:squeja@halauoaulani.org">squeja@halauoaulani.org</a> or <a href="mailto:halauoaulani@yahoo.com">halauoaulani@yahoo.com</a>  Admission by ticket only. Discounted early bird tickets available before March 1.	<b>Saturday, May 8, 2010</b>  Time: 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Performance  Location: Thomas Jefferson Theatre 125 S. Old Glebe Road Arlington, VA 22204
<b>Get a Free Hepatitis B Vaccination</b> Fortunately, HBV can be prevented with a very safe and effective vaccine. The Hepatitis B vaccine series is usually given as 3 shots during a 6-month period. The entire series is needed for long-term protection.	Dr. Mark-Li Chinese American Medical Society  Chinatown Service Center  Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC	Lisa Ma: 202-898-0061 <a href="mailto:coordinator@chinatownscdc.org">coordinator@chinatownscdc.org</a>  Jane Pan 571-274-0021 <a href="mailto:j.pan@hepbinitiative.org">j.pan@hepbinitiative.org</a>	<b>Sunday, May 10, 2010</b>  Time: 12:30-3pm  Location: Chinese Community Church 500 I (Eye) Street, NW
<b>APAICS REMINDS YOU TO SAVE THE DATE</b> for our 16 <sup>TH</sup> Annual Gala Dinner	Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)	<a href="http://www.apaics.org">www.apaics.org</a>	<b>Tuesday, May 11, 2010</b>  JW Marriott Hotel Washington, DC

#### ONGOING EVENT OR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- H1N1 Flu**

**You and the H1N1 flu vaccine.** 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine is given in two ways.

- English version [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/h1n1\\_safety\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/h1n1_safety_flyer.pdf)
- Spanish Version [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/h1n1\\_safety\\_flyer\\_sp.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/h1n1_safety_flyer_sp.pdf)

We encourage you to visit [Flu.gov](http://Flu.gov) for [more free resources](#) and [one-page handouts](#) available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

- ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- Fares on Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess will increase 10 cents, effective Sunday, February 28, through June 26. In addition, fares for senior citizens and people with disabilities will go up five cents and the cost of

passes also will increase to help close a shortfall in Metro's current operating budget.

To tell customers about the change, Metro is posting [signs](#) on Metrorail fare vending machines and faregates, Metrobus fareboxes and inside [MetroAccess](#) vehicles. Announcements will be made in Metrorail stations, onboard Metrobuses and on the customer service phone line (202-637-7000). Ads will run in local and Spanish-language newspapers later this week and next week. Volunteers will hand out [brochures](#) on February 24, 25 and 26 at end-of-the-line and downtown Metrorail stations. Brochures will be in both English and Spanish with information about the new fares. In addition, information is posted on Metro's Web site, [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com).

Following are the specific fare increases that will be in place from Sunday, February 28, through June 26. Additional fare changes and other actions related to Metro's fiscal year 2011 budget are likely later this spring as Metro grapples with a projected \$189 million budget deficit.

#### [Fare changes effective February 28 through June 26, 2010](#)

- The **Asian Pacific American Connections program at the 2010 Smithsonian Folklife Festival** will focus on what it means to be a person of Asian descent living in the United States today and examine strategies for adaptation. If you want to learn more about the program, please click on: [http://www.festival.si.edu/2010/apa/asian\\_pacific\\_american\\_connections.aspx](http://www.festival.si.edu/2010/apa/asian_pacific_american_connections.aspx)
- **Chinatown Community Cultural Center (CCCC) Classes/workshops:** Free Children's Kung Fu Lessons provided by Wong People. Sundays at 3pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. CCCC also offers classes in Tai Chi, Kung Fu, Chinese Brush Painting, ESL, Basic Computing, Chinese Language, Gu-Zheng, Chinese Calligraphy and more! For more information check out their website at [www.ccccdc.org](http://www.ccccdc.org).
- **National Geographic Museum/Terra Cotta Warriors exhibition:** From November 19, 2009 through March 31, 2010, National Geographic Museum will host *Terra Cotta Warriors: Guardians of China's First Emperor*. Considered one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the First Emperor's enormous tomb complex contains thousands of terra cotta warriors intended to protect him in the afterlife. The exhibition offers an in-depth look at this historical site and showcases 100 sets of objects, including the 15 life-size terra cotta figures, representing soldiers, servants, musicians, acrobats, and animals. Please visit [www.nationalgeographic.com/tcw](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/tcw) or email questions, comments, or concerns to email [terraccottaexhibit@ngs.org](mailto:terraccottaexhibit@ngs.org).

#### **EMPLOYMENT of VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **Medical Escorts/Translators for Chinese seniors needed-** The Emmaus Services for the Aging Asian and Pacific Islander Senior Center located in Chinatown is looking for bilingual speakers to accompany seniors with limited English ability to their medical appointments in the DC area. We are looking for translators who can speak Mandarin or Cantonese. Volunteers will be compensated \$20 for each trip. An immediate need is for escorts for this week (week of Feb 22) on Tuesday and Wednesday. If interested, please email Cecilia Ng at [cng@emmausservices.org](mailto:cng@emmausservices.org) or call 202-842-2559. Thank you for your interest and support!
- **API Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)** is holding its next 5-weekend advocate training in late April, and we hope to recruit **volunteer and paid bilingual advocates** who can speak various Asian languages (including Bengali/Bangla, Cantonese, Farsi, Fukanese, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Khalkha Mongol, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Malayalam, Mandarin, Nepali, Punjabi, Sinhalese, Tagalog, Tamil, Thai, Vietnamese, and Urdu among other API languages) to provide peer support to survivors of domestic violence living in the DC area. The application deadline is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
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- **Census Jobs**

To find jobs with the United States Census 2010 call the toll free number 1-866-861-2010

Good pay. Temporary, part-time jobs, Flexible hours, up to 40 hours a week, Mileage reimbursement (for field jobs).

- **D.C. Office of Human Rights Seeks Part-Time Bilingual Testers**

The Office of Human Rights (OHR) today announced a call for Part-Time Testers for the Language Access Program. The Language Access Program was created by the DC Language Access Act of 2004 (Act). The legislation was enacted to provide greater access and participation in public services, programs, and activities for residents of the District of Columbia with limited or no-English proficiency (LEP/NEP). OHR oversees and implements the Language Access Program and works in consultation with a variety of government offices that conduct outreach to communities, including the Mayor's Offices of African Affairs (OAA), Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA), and Latino Affairs (OLA). The Program also works with the DC Language Access Coalition (Coalition)—an alliance of diverse community-based organizations who work to ensure that civil rights of immigrant and LEP communities are protected by advocating for meaningful language access within the District.

This is a great opportunity for individuals who are looking to get involved in the area of civil rights. The focus of the testing program is to evaluate District government agencies' adherence to the Act's requirements while also taking into consideration the LEP/NEP customer's experience based on the service received. Tests conducted include face-to-face, telephone and US mail. The Tester Program will run from April-August 2010 and the hourly rate is \$17 per hour. The assignments will be on a part-time basis within that designated timeframe.

Minimum requirements for Testers include the following:

- Must be bilingual in English and one of the following languages: Spanish, Chinese, Amharic, Vietnamese, Korean or French
- Must be flexible with assignments in terms of travel and time (tests are conducted between the hours of 8:30 am to 4 pm)
- Must be authorized to work in the US

If you meet the minimum requirements described above and are interested in learning more, please contact:

Language Access Program  
Contact: Ms. Aryan Rodriguez  
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 570N  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 727-3942 (202) 727-3942  
[Aryan.Rodriguez@dc.gov](mailto:Aryan.Rodriguez@dc.gov)

- **Employment opportunities with the District of Columbia Government can be found [here](#).**

(If your organization would like to submit a job opening, please refer to the attached document for calendar submissions)

- **Hyatt Hotel job hotline: 202-637-4946**

- **OCA 2010 Summer Internship Program**

OCA, a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs), is now accepting applications for its 2010 Summer Internship Program.

Celebrating its 21th year, the ***OCA Internship Program*** seeks to cultivate future leadership by providing students from all over the country an opportunity to be involved in the political process through a national

organization. The program has successfully led past interns to become more active on their college campus and increased the presence of the APA community in local, state and federal governments.

“The OCA summer internship is one of our signature programs, and we are proud to have helped generations of APA college students to become leaders who stay engaged with the APA community,” said OCA Executive Director George Wu.

Summer interns will be placed at a paid full-time position in a federal agency, nonprofit, or congressional office that matches their interest. Interns can also be placed at the OCA National Center. In addition to their placement, summer interns will be highly involved in many OCA activities and gain experience with grassroots organizing.

“Because of my OCA Internship, when I returned to UC San Diego I decided to stay another year to take more classes on domestic politics and in UCSD’s fledgling Asian American Studies program. I am still involved in OCA and civil rights work today,” said Vicki Shu Smolin, Immediate Past President of the OCA-New York chapter and 1990 OCA National Center Intern.

“My OCA internship experience was singularly responsible for introducing me to the world of AAPI activism. From serving as an officer for the Chinese American Students Association in college to founding and running Asian Americans for Obama to my infamous experience testifying before the Texas legislature and Representative Betty Brown, these steps of my journey began with OCA,” said Ramey Ko, Attorney at the Texas Advocacy Project and 1999 OCA National Center intern.

In addition to connecting interns with the APA community and developing their leadership, OCA also brings summer interns to the OCA National Convention, the largest APA conference in the country. The 2010 National Convention will be in Houston from June 17-20. The convention will feature speakers, entertainment, workshops, and our signature gala. Applicants are strongly encouraged to make sure they are able to attend.

For the summer session, interns are expected to commit to working full-time for ten weeks between the dates of May 24 – Aug 13, 2010. Applications will be reviewed by the Internship Committee and a telephone interview may be scheduled.

For more information on the OCA Summer Internship and to apply, go to OCA’s website at [www.oceanational.org](http://www.oceanational.org) and click “Internship” under “Programs.” We highly encourage applicants to **apply online**. Applications for internships need to be postmarked or submitted online by **March 1, 2010** for the summer session.

Please contact the OCA National Center at 202-223-5500 or [iho@oceanational.org](mailto:iho@oceanational.org) if you have any questions

- **APAICS 2010-2011 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

Washington, D.C. -- The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) announced that Fellowship applications are available on their Website: [www@apaics.org](http://www@apaics.org). The APAICS Fellows are the Anheuser-Busch/Congressman Frank Horton Fellow, the Wal-Mart Stores, Inc./Governor George R. Ariyoshi Fellow and the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Fellow. The latter fellowship is for a post graduate and requires that the person has included in their class studies any housing policies, urban planning, mortgages, etc. **The deadline for all fellowships is April 30, 2010.**

The nine-month program provides an opportunity for APAICS Fellows to be placed in either the Executive or Legislative Branches of government as well as federal agencies, or a non-profit organization in the Washington area. The fellows will be assigned specific projects in their placement offices. The NAR Fellow will be placed in an office that specifically has some housing issues which he/she will have an opportunity to work on. As in the

past, NAR advisors and Realtor members will work closely with the NAR Fellow on specific projects and may join with other NAR Fellows from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) and the Congressional Hispanic Institute Caucus (CHCI) in developing a public policy brief.

The current APAICS Fellows are assigned as follows: Meina Banh/Congressman Mike Honda; Anna Chu/Democratic Caucus; and Collin Siu/Congressman Al Green. Both Banh and Siu are working with members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC). The current chair is Congressman Mike Honda.

“The APAICS Fellowship Program is an excellent opportunity for API young leaders to gain insight into congressional processes. Not only is it a great way to network, one gets to work on relevant policy issues,” said APAICS 2009-2010 Fellow Meina Banh. (Pictured here with Congressman Honda.)

### **About APAICS**

APAICS was founded in 1994 and is a 501 (c)(3), non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization based in Washington, D.C., that seeks to build a politically empowered Asian Pacific American (APA) community to fill the political pipeline for APAs to enter and advance into elected office. APAICS is also a resource to Congress about the APA community.

- **Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Seeks Fall & Winter Interns**

The Mayor’s Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) is seeking motivated individuals interested in public service and the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community. Interns will gain valuable experience by working on projects serving the needs of the API communities and organizations in the District and will acquire vast knowledge about the District’s various government agencies and functions. The interns will receive a worthwhile opportunity to grow, cultivate new ideas, and play a contributing role in District activities!

**Language Access Intern** - The intern will focus on language access related work in the office and issues affecting the Asian and Pacific Islander communities. OAPIA is tasked with providing technical assistance to over 25 District Agencies on language access. The intern will assist the Language Access Coordinator in implementing the Act. Some of the duties of the intern will include conducting an assessment of agency frontline centers, research best practices by municipal governments in providing linguistically and culturally appropriate services to the Asian and Pacific Islander community and further develop a network of governments, and creating reference manuals for District agencies on the API community.

**Outreach Intern** - The intern will work closely with the Outreach Team in serving the API population in the District. Duties include 1) assisting outreach coordinators with different outreach projects and activities; 2) visiting community based organizations, residents, and business owners; 3) providing case assistance to District residents & merchants, 4) occasional simple translations; and 5) handling administrative tasks. Being bilingual in English and Korean, Vietnamese, Mandarin, or Cantonese are required.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants should be undergraduate or graduate students who possess strong written and oral communication skills as well as organizational abilities. They must be flexible and willing to take initiative. Strong computer and research skills are also desired. The intern should be able to work a minimum of 10 weeks for at least 20 hours per week. Most importantly, applicants must be able to work with diverse populations.

To apply, please email a resume, cover letter detailing your suitability for the position, and contact information to:



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